

Camden Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee
Camden Town Office, Minutes
May 1, 2013
7:05 pm

Present: Geoff Scott (minutes), Kathleen Bachus, Sani Fogel, John Anders, Richard Stetson, Ken McKinley (Rockport SB Liason)

- April Minutes – as written
- New Agenda Items – John updated info about the Frohock NEMBA trail proposal improvement in Camden Hills State Park. The Park said they're not interested. Proposal was to fix a fall line section that was severely eroded. Goal is to develop beginner/intermediate mountain bike trails in the Park. John will continue to work with the Park in attempts to move their goal forward.
- Active Community Forum in Waterville – meeting next week. John will attend biking sessions. John will report out on conference if he goes. Hoping State Park folks will be there so he can speak with them (again).
- PR for Lynda – nothing this month
- Landing Meeting – was basically same format as the Riverwalk meeting which consisted of a quick overview of examples in other communities, the big picture for the project, then broke up into smaller work groups. Sarah (the facilitator) said "The right thing can be designed if it's the will of the people." Small groups discussed the positives of the Public Landing, then what's missing/changes, then considered whether the Landing would be a gateway or a destination. Finally there was discussion around the idea of a bridge over the falls. Overall, the meeting was very positive. Good input on both sides of issues. Minutes will be on the Town Website.
- Discussion whether a letter should be drafted by the committee and submitted to TY Lin regarding the Riverwalk. Include brief background and summary of our recommendations. Decided to get Brian's suggestion on which would be better – a face to face meeting or a letter. **Action - Geoff** to ask Brian. Possible secondary **Action – Geoff** to draft letter.
- Russell Ave Maintenance – **Action - Geoff** to speak with Steve B. about hedge then to owner. Sani will check on who owns the abutting property to the hillside that's eroding onto sidewalk.
- Riverwalk Construction Volunteers – **Action - Sani** – will contact Interact. **Action - Geoff** contact Ken Vencil for NHS. **Action - Anita** – will contact community school. **Action - Geoff** will contact Watershed. **Action - Leni** ask Rotary (**Action - Geoff** to ask about contact to other Rotary). Time period sometime between Sept 16-27ish.

- Bike day – goal was to get people out, talk bikes, Side Country was there, Snow Sports was there. The overall goal of the group is to raise bike awareness, get people to ride bikes. Group is forming. Next event is ride in Acadia. Social in nature, riding at a social pace. The whole month of May is Bike Awareness month. Community Spoke advocate – Jim Dunham. **Geoff - Action** – did Penbay Pilot do an article about?
- Harborwalk – Ken – kind of in limbo. A lot of it was in Bob Peabody's head and Tom Ford's and not a lot of community planning/engagement. Currently taking a step back and relooking at the process and planning in a more thoughtful way. Committee encourages and supports a more public and inclusive process. **Geoff Action** – find out about where that \$10K balance ended up in the special reserve fund. 2011 or 2012 was the time period for these discussions.
- New Committee Member - Possible Camden candidate – Jeff Senders

Next meeting June 5, Rockport

Adjourned

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